

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **McGee et al.**

Serial No.: **10/799,301**

Filed: **March 11, 2004**

For: **Method and Apparatus for  
Maintaining Compatibility within a  
Distributed Systems Management  
Environment with a Plurality of  
Configuration Versions**

§ Group Art Unit: **2167**

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§ Examiner: **Vautrot, Dennis L.**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0461. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0461.

In response to the Office Action of September 20, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.